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# Merkel visits Dalhousie

## Joint research project.

Halifax institute,  
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agree to work together

German Chancellor Angela Merkel arrived Thursday evening at Dalhousie University in Halifax, where she witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Halifax Marine Research Institute and Germany's Helmholtz Association for a joint project to investigate ocean risks such as extreme weather conditions and the melting of the Arctic.

After more than three hours talking mainly economics at Prime Minister Stephen Harper's lakeside West Quebec retreat the previous night, the Halifax stop gave Merkel a chance to indulge in something else she cares about: Mingling with scientists and students concerned about the environmental future of the world's oceans.

Earlier Merkel gave Harper what he wanted — strong public support for a Canada-European Union trade deal — but not before she gently but firmly noted “problems” with high carbon emissions from Alberta's oilsands.

Merkel's pointed observations about the need to reduce Canadian carbon emissions did not overshadow what was a genuinely warm 24-hour visit, spread over two days, in which a pair of like-minded politicians found much common ground.

But it did underscore the gap between Merkel and Harper on the key issue of the environment.

Merkel backed Harper's desire for a Canada-European Union pact by year's end, by pledging to push for a “speedy conclusion” to the negotiations when she returns home. She's only one of 27 political leaders in the E.U., but as its most powerful politician, her voice will be heard.

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel views a tracking device attached to a model of a turtle with Sara Iverson, a marine biologist, as she visits Dalhousie University in Halifax on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



## Making a tough climb in Peru

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# Merging courts could cost \$25M

**Consolidation.** Province stresses project still in preliminary stages



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Consolidating the Halifax and Dartmouth provincial courts could cost the province over \$25 million.

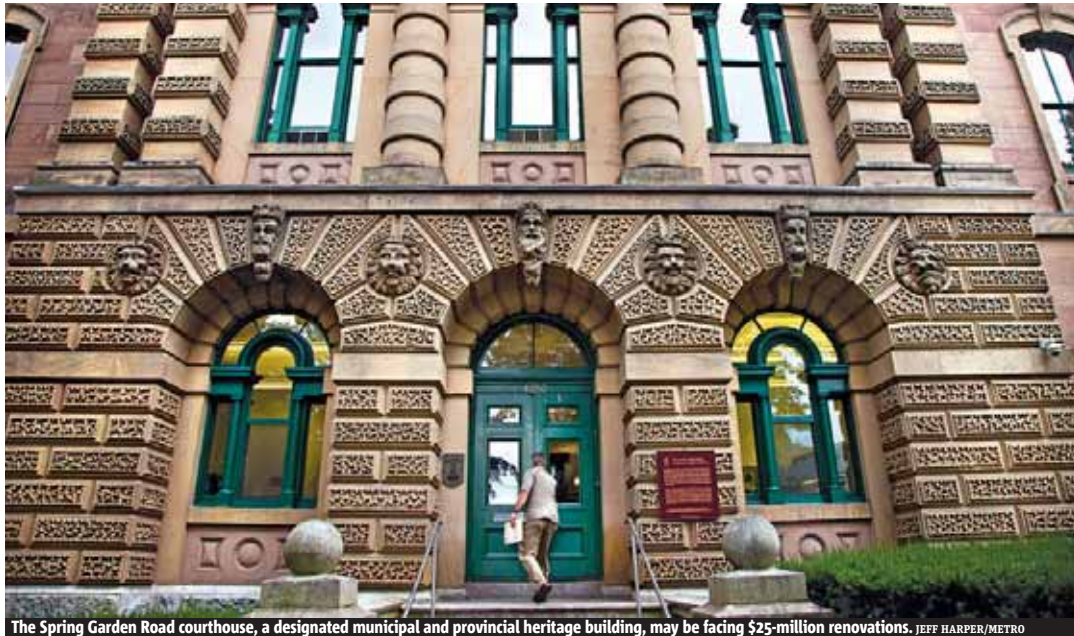
Information in a request for proposals for the consolidation project, announced by Justice Minister Ross Landry on Tuesday, indicates the province could spend \$25.45 million on additions to the Halifax courthouse on Spring Garden Road.

That's based on a \$350-per-square-foot estimate and a total net area of 72,728 square feet.

Steve Smith, a spokesman for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, confirmed that price tag is in the ballpark on Thursday.

"This is all very preliminary, this is just a proposal. This job may happen or it may not happen, it all depends on what this proposal comes back with," Smith told Metro Halifax.

Landry announced the



The Spring Garden Road courthouse, a designated municipal and provincial heritage building, may be facing \$25-million renovations. JEFF HARPER/METRO

project, which is billed as a way to contain costs while improving efficiency and safety, on Tuesday. The new court would include five additional courtrooms, currently leased by the province in Dartmouth, with the six existing courtrooms at Halifax provincial court.

A 1996 study into the possibility of consolidation concluded it was feasible. The current RFP is aimed at updating that study.

Dan Harrison, a spokesman for the Department of Justice, warned against putting too much stock in the preliminary numbers.

"It's really hard to say ... because the price would also include what goes into the building, and the design layouts are a key part of that," Harrison said.

"Plus you have to look at what the cost of labour and the cost of materials will be at that point."

## Heritage building

- The Halifax provincial courthouse, a designated municipal and provincial heritage building, has been in operation for 160 years.

# Bedford to lose up to 95 RIM jobs: Minister



The RIM building in Bedford is seen in this file photo. METRO FILE

About a quarter of employees at Research in Motion's Bedford location could be facing layoffs.

Percy Paris, Nova Scotia's minister of economic and rural development and tourism told reporters on Thursday that he expects about 95 people to lose their jobs at the BlackBerry manufacturer's Halifax operation.

"I just heard there could be possibly as many as 95 people that will be laid off at the RIM location in Bedford," said Paris.

"We haven't had the opportunity yet to talk to RIM, (but) I think RIM has been a very valuable business partner for the

## Quoted

**"What's going on with RIM, I think, is known globally. RIM has been in the spotlight for some time now."**

Percy Paris, minister of economic and rural development and tourism for N.S.

province of Nova Scotia and I hope, like everybody else, that the layoffs will be temporary."

Paris said he had not spoken to RIM's management about the cuts, nor has the company

requested further assistance from the province to maintain their workforce of more than 400 people.

RIM's Bedford operation has been spared in a number of company-wide cuts over the past few years. Paris chalked the cuts up to global issues facing the beleaguered mobile company.

RIM was originally lured to Nova Scotia through the promise of payroll rebates through Nova Scotia Business Inc. Paris could not say on Thursday how much money the company has drawn down from that 2006 investment. ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

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# Dartmouth man walking dog discovers Superstar fossil

## Unearthing.

300-million-year-old artifact hailed as one of the all-time most important finds for N.S.

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A sail-back reptile fossil found by a family and their dog along the Northumberland Shore is being called one of the most significant finds of its kind in the province's history.

Culture and Heritage Minister Leonard Preyra announced the discovery at the Museum of Natural History at noon on Thursday. The collection contains the first rib cage, backbone and partial sail of the sail-back to be found in Nova Scotia.

The fossil, known at the museum as Superstar, was discovered by Patrick Keating of Dartmouth. He was at his cottage along the Northumber-

land Straight and, while walking his dog Kitty, noticed what looked like a rib cage sticking out of the mud in the bank of a cliff.

It turned out to be the partial sail of a sail-back reptile — a mammal-like reptile that could grow up to four and a half metres long.

"I thought it was very significant but no idea how significant," Keating said Thursday.

He showed the fossil to his brother, who took it to the museum, said Keating.

"The museum said it was an extraordinary find and they had never seen anything like it."

Then a week after his discovery, Keating's wife, Susie, and son Zachary discovered the spine and skull portions.

The fossils have everyone at the museum very excited, said Deborah Skilliter, curator of geology for the natural-history museum.

"I've been at the museum for 14 years and it is the most amazing fossil that I've seen in



Deborah Skilliter, curator of geology for the Nova Scotia Museum, holds a fossil of a sail-back reptile (nicknamed Superstar) at the Museum of Natural History on Thursday. A family made the discovery and turned it over to the museum. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Details

Superstar, which is approximately 290 to 305 million years old, will be on display at the museum for two weeks. It is believed to be a juvenile sail-back, approximately one metre in length from nose to tail, weighing roughly 15 kilograms.

my career."

She said paleontologists knew sail-back reptiles existed in the area because of the footprints.

And the museum will continue to do research in the area, Skilliter added.

"Each time we go there, we get a better understanding of what the area looked like back then."

And as for the superstar nickname, she said it was easy.

"He came in and we knew he was going to be a star," she said with a laugh.

## N.S. wants regional approach to bus line

Nova Scotia's minister of transportation wants a regional approach to dealing with the imminent closure of the Acadian Lines inter-city bus service.

Maurice Smith told reporters on Thursday that he's in talks with his colleagues in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to examine the region's regulatory framework governing the service — a framework that Acadian's operators, Groupe Orléans Express, cited as the reason

## Quoted

"It's no good for each of us to be going off singly on this."

Maurice Smith, minister of transportation for Nova Scotia, on the need for the Maritimes to unite on bus-service issues in the three provinces.

they are closing up shop.

"From my point of view, we need to have a regional service. It's no good for each of us to be going off singly on this," Smith said.

"We have regulations in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick has regulations, PEI

doesn't. So we have to look at how the regulations perhaps could gel or mend."

Smith did not rule out the possibility of moving toward a model similar to that of Saskatchewan, where the provincial bus service is subsidized by tax-

payors. But he did note that Saskatchewan's service is an expensive operation.

"That's \$11.2 million a year they spend — they service 290 communities, and they only carry 288,000 passengers. It's a very, very expensive service," Smith said.

"What I'm saying is that we would look at whatever models are out there, we would look at it all. I guess that's my answer to the question."

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

## Cape Breton. Feds still won't take charge on ship dismantling: Dexter

Premier Darrell Dexter says the federal government continues to refuse to take responsibility for the dismantling of a ship that ran aground off Cape Breton almost a year ago.

Dexter says the provincial government is doing everything it can do to facilitate the ship's removal, but it's not within Nova Scotia's jurisdiction. Dexter's comments come two weeks before the Bennington Group's provincial author-

ity to remove the ship expires, and the company has yet to file a revised work plan for the project.

Dexter says he believes a pre-demolition site survey will be conducted by the Bennington Group next week and a timeline for full demolition will follow.

The vessel ran aground off Cape Breton on Sept. 20, 2011, while being towed to a scrapyard in Turkey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# HRM keeps legal review under wraps

**Concert-cash scandal fallout.** Report makes 35 recommendations for changes to municipal legal service



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The Halifax Regional Municipality's legal department is busy implementing 35 recommendations from an external consultant's review of their operations.

But despite the fact that about half of the recommendations have already been adopted, the contents of the review have not been made public.

HRM spokeswoman Shaune MacKinlay confirmed Thursday that the municipality's legal-services department has begun work on the recommendations, made by Toronto- and Montreal-based Catalyst Consulting,

Because the report is in some way connected to the annual review of the Chief Administrative Office, the content of the recommendations will not be made public until that review is complete.

"It's part and parcel of (the CAO) review, so any determination on when it will be released will be made when that review is complete," MacKinlay said.

"A number of things are connected to the CAO review. The legal-services review is something that was initiated by the CAO."

MacKinlay could not elaborate on exactly why the legal-services review is connected to the review; she could only confirm that parts of the review involve the operations of the Chief Administrative Office.

A review of legal services was recommended as part of municipal auditor general Larry Munroe's report on the concert-cash scandal.

In that review, Munroe concluded that HRM's legal team



The Black Eyed Peas concert on the Halifax Common in 2010 was the spark of a concert-cash scandal at city hall. A review of the legal-services department was recommended as part of the auditor general's report on the scandal. METRO FILE

approved improper agreements with promoter Harold MacKay. Mayor Peter Kelly, despite his knowledge of the deals with MacKay, relegated some blame to the legal department.

Mary Ellen Donovan, the city's top solicitor at the time the deals took place, retired during the Catalyst review. Marian Tyson, a former deputy minister with the province's Department of Justice, now serves as HRM's director of legal services.

## Quoted

**"I can't speak to what's on an in-camera item, and in this instance, there's a link between (the legal-services review and the CAO review), and I can't get into anything further to that."**

Shaune MacKinlay, HRM spokeswoman

## Fringe Festival

### Performances kick off Aug. 30

Theatre and dance performers from Australia to Nova Scotia and everywhere in between will showcase their work at the 22nd annual Atlantic Fringe Festival.

The festival hits Halifax from Aug. 30 to Sept. 9 with more than 50 unique performances on tap.

The Halifax Seaport is the main venue for the festival, with shows running between two and 90 minutes. Tickets range from \$1 to \$10. METRO

## Medicinal marijuana

### Ontario doctor faces fraud charges

A southern Ontario doctor and his wife have been charged after an investigation into forged medicinal-marijuana documents.

Dr. Robert Kamermans, 66, and his 64-year-old wife, Mary, are charged in relation to fraudulent medicinal-marijuana endorsements in Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia between January 2011 and April 2012.

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## Street-brawl death

### Preliminary hearing set for Halifax woman

A preliminary hearing will be held next June for a 24-year-old Halifax woman charged with second-degree murder following the death of a man in a street brawl.

Barbara Elizabeth Marshall is one of two people charged in connection with the July 2010 death of Ben Hare in Truro.

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## Fall River crash

### Man seriously hurt on Highway 2

The RCMP says a single-vehicle crash near Halifax sent a 21-year-old man to hospital with serious injuries.

Police say emergency crews responded to the accident on Highway 2 in Fall River at around 9:45 p.m. Wednesday.

There's no word on what caused the crash.

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Andrew Lafford of Eskasoni practises Thursday for the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Summer Games, which begin Tuesday in Eskasoni. STEVE WADDEN/CAPE BRETON POST

# Eskasoni ready to welcome Mi'kmaw Summer Games

**Sports, cultural and traditional activities.** Mi'kmaw culture in the spotlight as 11 First Nations gather next week for six-day event

The largest First Nation in Atlantic Canada is expected to host as many as 1,600 participants for the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Summer Games beginning Tuesday.

The six-day event in Eskasoni will bring together 11 First Nations in the province. It's the third consecutive year for the games, which were re-established in Membertou in 2010 after a long hiatus.

Last year, almost 1,300 athletes from nine Mi'kmaw communities participated in the games held in Wagmatcook.

There are 22 sports, cul-

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tural and traditional activities planned, with a wide range in skill level required, from the challenging triathlon — which omits cycling in favour of canoeing — to the glitter of the princess pageant.

Showcasing Mi'kmaw culture will also be one of the highlights, said Levi Denny, community co-ordinator for the games.

"At the opening ceremonies we're going to have some dancing and drumming," he said.

On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., a Mawio'mi, or gathering, will be held, and on Aug. 25 the Mi'kmaw Showcase from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the

powwow grounds will bring together local talent to entertain an estimated attendance of 3,000 to 4,000 spectators.

Confirmed events include archery, arm wrestling, badminton, basketball, canoeing, darts, five-kilometre race, floor hockey, golf, horse-shoes, baseball, schoolyard competition, softball, swimming, track-and-field, tug-of-war, volleyball, and the Mi'kmaw traditional board game waltos.

A new sport included this year is grappling, a mix of wrestling techniques, with different weight categories for entrants.

The other new event is the triathlon, which will have athletes complete a swim, canoe race and run over about 2.5 kilometres.

"It's not just for any athlete. You have to be in really good shape to take on that," Denny said.

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## Little one hoping to catch a big one

Keegan Gerrior, 4, fishes for mackerel with his grandfather Kenny Green of Sydney at the Sydney Marine Terminal on Thursday. Keegan is visiting from Halifax. STEVE WADDEN/CAPE BRETON POST

### CLASS ACTION AGAINST VOLKSWAGEN

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Class counsel's fees and an amount allocated to the Class Action Assistance Fund will be deducted from the monies payable to class members and from the benefits arising from the proposed agreement.

For all the persons affected by the class action, the agreement provides that the warranty on this part will be extended to 8.5 years (102 months) or 165,000 km from the in-service date, whichever comes first, subject to a deductible of \$ 60 plus taxes payable to the dealer.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE COURT

The proposed agreement will be submitted to the Superior Court of Quebec for approval on **October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 9:00 am, at the Montreal Courthouse** (File No. 500-08-000556-114).

If you wish to **comment or to object** to the proposed agreement, you must do so in writing to Mr. Normand Painchaud via email at [n.painchaud@sfpavocats.ca](mailto:n.painchaud@sfpavocats.ca), at least **7 days** before the hearing. All comments or objections will be brought to the attention of the Court.

#### DO YOU WISH TO BENEFIT FROM THE AGREEMENT?

If the agreement is approved by the court, another notice will be published and claim forms will be available for members of the group who repaired, replaced or purchased the wiring harness for the left front driver door.

If you do not wish to be part of the class action, you will have the opportunity to opt-out if the agreement is approved by the Court.

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# Guard shooting a possible political stunt

**Chick-fil-A.** Alleged gunman may have been upset with conservative lobbying group's gay marriage stance, support of restaurant president

A man who volunteered at a gay community centre had a box of ammunition with him when he said "I don't like

your politics" and allegedly shot a security guard at the headquarters of a conservative U.S. lobbying group, authorities said Thursday.

Floyd Lee Corkins II, was ordered held without bond on charges that he opened fire Wednesday inside the lobby of the Family Research Council, an influential conservative Christian group that has supported the president of the fast-food chain Chick-fil-A in his

**Symbolic gesture?**

## 15

Authorities said Floyd Lee Corkins II carried 15 Chick-fil-A sandwiches in his backpack when he allegedly shot a security guard. What he planned to do with them is unclear.

staunch opposition to same-sex marriage.

Corkins also had 15 Chick-fil-A sandwiches in his backpack, authorities said. It was

not immediately clear what he planned to do with them.

The shooting was swiftly condemned by groups across the ideological spectrum, including President Barack Obama and his Republican challenger Mitt Romney. The attack also tapped into deep divisions over cultural issues like gay marriage and drew finger-pointing about whether inflamed rhetoric on either side was to blame.

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Family Research Council President Tony Perkins gestures during a news conference to discuss Wednesday's shooting. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Psychological study. Trial delayed in alleged assassination attempt

A Texas man charged with plotting to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States will have to wait until next year for his trial as lawyers continue studying the conclusions of psychologists who have examined him.

On Thursday, an October trial date was moved to Jan. 7 for Manssor Arbabsiar to give lawyers more time to prepare for trial.

Defence lawyers are seeking dismissal of charges against Arbabsiar and the suppression of statements he made after his arrests, based in part on the findings of two defence mental health experts who concluded he suffers from bipolar disorder.

Arbabsiar was arrested Sept. 29 at Kennedy International Airport in what authorities say was a \$1.5 million plot to kill the ambassador, Adel Al-Jubeir,

**Mental illness**

A professor of clinical psychiatry said Arbabsiar's family members reported to him that the man has a history of extended episodes of depression interspersed with episodes of mania.

- He said he was told that Arbabsiar in 2010 was severely depressed, isolating himself in his bedroom and rarely getting out of bed except to pace and chain-smoke.

in a bombing at his favourite restaurant.

Arbabsiar, a U.S. citizen who has lived in Texas for decades and holds an Iranian passport, is being held without bail.

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## Big man joins worthy cause

Yao Ming, China's top basketball star, looks at an elephant killed by poachers in Samburu, northern Kenya, during his visit there on Thursday. Ming is visiting Kenya on his first visit to Africa to film a documentary aimed at reducing poaching attacks against elephants and rhinos. The two animals are coming under increasing attacks by poachers who sell rhino horns and elephant tusks to buyers in Asia looking to acquire the animal products as a sign of affluence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Ex-president of Penn State not in the clear: Lawyers

**Spanier.** Longtime head of school reeling from Sandusky scandal has kept a low profile but has not yet been charged with a crime

More than a month after an explosive investigative report accused Penn State's ousted president of burying child-sex-abuse allegations against Jerry Sandusky, Graham Spanier has so far avoided criminal charges — unlike two of his former subordinates.

That doesn't mean he's in the clear, according to legal experts.

As attorneys for athletic director Tim Curley and retired vice-president Gary Schultz urged a Dauphin County judge Thursday to dismiss the case against them, Spanier remains vulnerable to criminal charges



Former Penn State University president Graham Spanier.  
CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

over his alleged role in a scandal that has shaken Penn State to its core, outside lawyers said.

Former FBI director Louis Freeh's university-commissioned report that accused the ex-president — along with

Curley, Schultz and football coach Joe Paterno — of covering up a 2001 allegation against Sandusky could help lay the groundwork for a prosecution.

"The Freeh report, whose findings of fact and conclusions were not challenged by PSU, suggests potential liability for Spanier," said Paul DerOhanesian, an Albany, N.Y., defence attorney and former sex-crimes prosecutor who has been following the Penn State case.

Fellow defence lawyer Will Spade, a former Philadelphia prosecutor who worked on a grand jury investigation of priests about a decade ago, said if he worked in the attorney general's office, he would "seriously be looking at" a criminal case against Spanier.

A spokesman in the attorney general's office, Nils Frederiksen, declined to comment, citing an "ongoing and active investigation" into the Sandusky matter.

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## Going to Graceland

Elvis Presley fans visit his grave at Graceland, Presley's Memphis, Tenn., home, on Thursday. Fans from around the world are at Graceland to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Presley's death. Presley died Aug. 16, 1977. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### \$1.2M statutory damages

#### Hotel showed bias against Jews: Jury

A Muslim hotel owner discriminated against a Jewish group during a Southern California poolside charity event by ordering removal of banners and ousting them from the pool and spa, a jury has decided.

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### Missouri

#### Cause of mosque fire still unknown

Investigators announced Thursday that they have been unable to determine the cause of a suspicious fire that destroyed a southwest Missouri mosque that was a previous arson target.

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# Search continues after police find body parts in river near Toronto

## Gruesome discovery.

Police are still uncertain whether woman's head and a foot found at a suburban park belong to the same person

The gruesome discovery of a woman's head and a severed human foot in the river of a suburban park in Mississauga, Ont., had police scouring the water, parklands and surrounding rocky hills Thursday in search of more body parts.

The foot also appears to belong to a female, as the toenails were painted yellow, police said, but until pathology tests are done investigators cannot say if both the head and the foot are from the same person.

"Without a cause of death we can't call it homicide, but certainly foul play — there's

definitely something amiss," said Peel Regional Police Acting Insp. Randy Cowan.

The size of the body parts do not suggest they are from a child, Cowan said.

A group of hikers found the bare right foot severed from the ankle down Wednesday in the Credit River near Hewick Meadows Park, a popular spot for family walks in the quiet residential neighbourhood. The police marine unit found the head Thursday.

"It's a grim discovery any time we get these calls," Cowan said. "It's certainly disturbing."

Search crews, divers and dogs combed the area, and police expected to be on scene for at least two days. Investigators are also asking for the public's assistance.

Officers are sifting through missing-person reports, in case any have a link to the body parts, Cowan said.

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A police dog searches the banks of the Credit River near Hewick Meadows Park in Mississauga, Ont.

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## Unscheduled landing

### Moscow flight faces bomb threat

An Aeroflot plane carrying 256 people from New York to Moscow made an unscheduled landing in Iceland on Thursday following a report of a bomb on board, authorities said. Police said no explosives were found after an extensive search. Two passengers were briefly taken in for questioning but were released. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Centre evacuated

### FedEx workers exposed to chili

More than 100 employees at the FedEx hub in Memphis, Tenn., were treated at the scene after a forklift punctured a barrel of concentrated chili-pepper extract. Two people were hospitalized as a precaution. A FedEx safety team is investigating the incident, which caused the evacuation of dozens of employees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Ecuador grants asylum to WikiLeaks founder Assange



A masked supporter of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange holds up a sign outside the Ecuadorian Embassy in London on Thursday. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He's won asylum in Ecuador, but Julian Assange is no closer to getting there.

The decision by the Latin American nation to identify the WikiLeaks founder as a political refugee is a symbolic boost for the embattled ex-hacker. But legal experts say that does little to help him avoid extradition to Sweden on sexual-assault allegations.

Instead, with British officials asserting they won't grant Assange safe passage out of the country, the case

has done much to drag the two nations into an international faceoff.

The silver-haired Australian shot to international prominence in 2010 after he began publishing a huge trove of American diplomatic and military secrets — including a quarter-million U.S. Embassy cables that shed a harsh light on the backroom dealings of U.S. diplomats.

Amid the ferment, two Swedish women accused him of sexual assault and Assange

has been fighting extradition to Sweden ever since.

The convoluted saga took its latest twist on Thursday, when Ecuadorian Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino announced that he had granted political asylum to Assange, who has been holed up inside the small, coastal nation's embassy since June 19.

He said Ecuador was taking action because Assange faces a serious threat of unjust prosecution at the hands of U.S. officials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Political gambit?

- Assange and others have expressed fears that the Swedish sex case is merely the opening gambit in a Washington-orchestrated plot to make him stand trial in the United States — something disputed by both Swedish authorities and the women involved.

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## Waterboarding. Doctor denies experimenting on daughter for research

A U.S. doctor on Thursday denied allegations of waterboarding his 11-year-old stepdaughter as part of his research into near-death experiences.

"How could anybody do such a thing?" Dr. Melvin Morse said while awaiting the start of a preliminary hearing on felony charges of child endangerment and conspiracy.

Police suggested in a search-warrant affidavit that Morse may have been experimenting on his stepdaughter as part of his research by bringing her "to a possible near-death state from the simulation of drowning."

"I haven't done near-death research in 15 years," Morse said.



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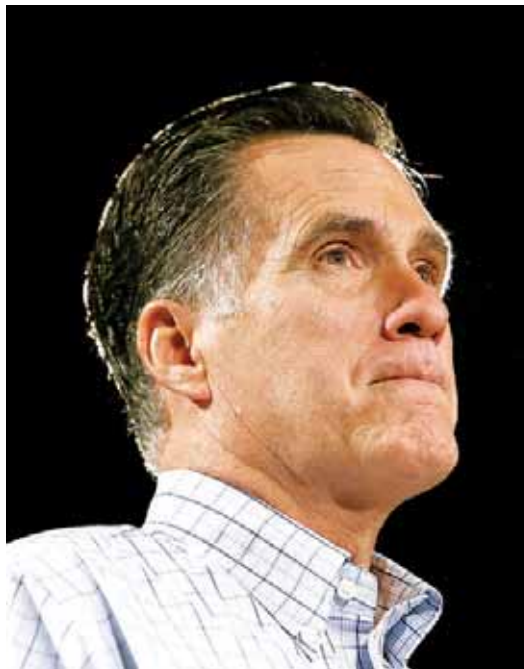
He declined to comment specifically on the charges against him, referring questions to his lawyer.

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### Source of allegations

- The allegations of waterboarding came after Morse was accused of grabbing the girl by the ankle in July and, as her sister, 6, watched, dragging her across a driveway. He was arrested on misdemeanor endangerment and assault charges and released on bail.
- When the older girl was interviewed by police last week, she told investigators her father also had disciplined her by holding her face under a running faucet at least four times since 2009, a punishment she said her father called "waterboarding."

# Romney challenges charge he didn't pay income tax



U.S. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is denying a charge by Democratic Sen. Harry Reid that he did not pay his taxes for multiple years.  
JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

## U.S. presidential race. Obama camp dares Republican candidate to release returns from earlier years

U.S. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney said Thursday that he has never paid less than 13 per cent of his income in taxes during the past decade.

But he declined anew to release the records that would prove it.

"I did go back and look at my taxes and over the past 10 years I never paid less than 13 per cent. I think the most recent year is 13.6 or something like that. So I paid taxes every single year," Romney told reporters after landing in South Carolina for a fundraiser.

### Quoted

"I paid taxes every single year."

U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney

Romney has released his 2010 tax return and has pledged to release his 2011 return before the Nov. 6 election, but has refused to release returns from earlier years.

Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, citing an anonymous source, has charged that Romney didn't want to release any more of his returns because the Republican candidate had paid no taxes in some years.

"Harry Reid's charge is totally false. I'm sure waiting for Harry to put up who it was that told him what he says they told him," Romney said.

The Obama campaign's Lis Smith responded by telling Romney to "prove it."

"He has forfeited the right to have us take him just at his word," Smith said.

White House spokesman Jay Carney declined to comment on Romney's tax rate. He said Democratic President Barack Obama believes "the tradition for presidential candidates to put forward multiple years of their tax returns is a useful and valuable one. Not always comfortable."

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## Crisis in Syria

## Assad official denies claims that regime is crumbling

Syria's foreign minister defiantly dismissed rebel forces and their international backers on Thursday as incapable of toppling the military defending Bashar Assad's regime, even as condemnation grew over

expanded offensives that activists say have claimed dozens of civilian lives in recent days.

Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem's confident tone contrasted sharply with a series of recent blows to Assad, including high-level military and political defections and the ability of rebel guerrillas to stage bombings and abductions in the heart of the capital, Damascus.

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## Pakistan under siege

## New Taliban attacks heighten security concerns

Heavily armed Taliban fighters blasted their way into a Pakistani air force base with possible links to the country's nuclear program in a brazen assault that took two hours of fighting to put down,

leaving a security officer and nine insurgents dead and underscoring the group's continued threat, despite numerous military offensives.

Hours later, Taliban gunmen in northern Pakistan forced 20 Shiite Muslims off buses, lined them up and killed them, the latest in a series of sectarian attacks that the government has seemingly done little to stop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Attacks in Iraq

## Insurgents unleash fresh campaign of carnage, chaos

Insurgents unleashed a wave of attacks Thursday that killed 28 people and wounded dozens in central and northern Iraq, the latest in a series of strikes aimed at undermining the government.

The bomb and shooting attacks made for the country's deadliest day in more than three weeks, rattling nerves as families prepared to gather for a holiday weekend. More than 120 people have been killed in violence across the country since the start of August, showing that insurgents led by al-Qaida's Iraqi franchise remain a lethal force eight months after the last U.S. troops left.

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# Helicopter crash in Afghanistan kills 11

## Conflicting reports.

Taliban leaders say fighters shot down chopper, but U.S. officials refute bold claim as investigation into crash continues

## All on board dead

"Nobody survived this."

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi, describing Thursday's attack on a U.S. Black Hawk helicopter in Kandahar.

ghan allies have stirred fresh doubts about the prospects for the U.S. plan to leave a capable Afghan government in place when most troops depart after more than a decade of war.

Spokesman Brig. Gen. Gunter Katz said the NATO coalition is investigating the cause of Thursday's crash in Kandahar province, though U.S. officials said initial reports indicated it was not shot down.

Among the dead were seven American service members, three members of Afghan security forces and one Afghan civilian interpreter, said Jamie Graybeal, a spokesman for the coalition. He said there were no survivors of the crash. He declined to give any details on the mission of the helicopter, a UH-60 Black Hawk.

U.S. officials said three of the seven American troops killed were special operations forces — two Navy SEALs and a Navy explosives expert.

U.S. officials said initial indications are that it was not shot down, though an investigation has been opened.

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## The battle for Kandahar

The Kandahar provincial government backed the Taliban claim saying the chopper was shot down in northern Kandahar's Shah Wali Kot district.

- **Taliban stronghold.** The region is the spiritual birthplace of the Islamist movement that ruled Afghanistan until the U.S. precipitated its demise.
- **Strategic value.** The area is also a key transit route where roadside bombs and assaults on police checkpoints are commonplace.



People from India's northeastern states crowd inside the compartment of a special train to return home on Thursday at a station in Bangalore, India. AJAZ RAHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Panic in India. Workers, students among mass exodus in Bangalore

Thousands of panic-stricken Indians from the northeast were fleeing the southern city of Bangalore on Thursday, spurred by rumours they would be attacked in retaliation for communal violence in their home state.

Hundreds of students and workers from Assam state crowded Bangalore's main railway station trying to board trains heading out of the city, while officials tried in vain to

assure them of their safety. People pushed and shoved and some climbed in through train windows to make it past the crush at the doors.

The exodus followed clashes in Assam in recent weeks between members of the indigenous Bodo tribe and Muslims that killed more than 50 people and left 400,000 in displacement camps. The violence has spilled to other states where Bodos and other

ethnic tribe members from the poor northeast have migrated in search of jobs.

Jagadish Shettar, chief minister of Karnataka state, met separately with Assamese and Muslim leaders Thursday in an effort to restore calm. Bangalore is the capital of Karnataka.

Despite Shettar's assurances, many from the northeast said they felt insecure.

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## Military helicopters. 4 more bodies found in Mount Kenya crash

A Kenyan wildlife official says the final four bodies from a Ugandan military helicopter crash that killed seven people have been retrieved off of Mount Kenya.

Simon Githau, a senior warden with the Kenyan Wildlife Service, said that the final four bodies from Sunday's crash of a military helicopter were found on Thursday. Three bodies were found earlier.

Three military helicopters

travelling to Somalia to help in the fight against al-Qaida-linked militants crashed on Sunday on Mount Kenya. The other two crashes did not result in fatalities. A fourth helicopter made it to its destination.

Officials have not yet said why the helicopters crashed, though thick clouds and stormy weather were present Sunday around Mount Kenya, Africa's second highest peak.

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A Kenya Air Force helicopter transporting bodies of Ugandan army personnel who died in a helicopter crash on Mount Kenya on Sunday is parked on the tarmac at Wilson Airport in Nairobi on Wednesday. SAYYID AZIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Striking workers shot at by police in South Africa

**Platinum mine.** Armed with automatic rifles and pistols, police fire at a crowd of miners

South African police opened fire Thursday on a crowd of striking workers at a platinum mine, leaving an unknown number of people injured and possibly dead. Motionless bodies lay on the ground in pools of blood.

Police moved in on striking workers who gathered near the Lonmin PLC mine Thursday afternoon after urging them to give up their weapons and go home to their hostels and shacks. Some did leave, though others carrying weapons began war chants and soon started marching toward the township near the mine, said Molaole Montsho, a journalist with the South African Press Association who was at the scene.

The police opened up with a water cannon first, then used stun grenades and tear gas to try and break up the crowd, Montsho said.



Striking mine workers throw stones as police open fire on the group at the Lonmin Platinum Mine near Rustenburg, South Africa, on Thursday. An unknown number of people were injured and possibly killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suddenly, a group of miners rushed through the scrub and underbrush at a line of police officers. Images broadcast by private television broadcaster e.tv showed officers immediately opening fire, with miners falling to the ground. Dozens of shots were fired by police armed with automatic rifles and pistols.

The gunfire from weapons apparently on full automatic ended with police officers shouting: "Cease fire!" By that time, bodies were lying in the dust, some pouring blood. Another image showed some miners, their eyes wide, looking in the distance at heavily armed police officers in riot gear.

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### Familiar images

- The shooting recalled images of white police firing at anti-apartheid protesters in the 1960s and 1970s, but in this case it was mostly black police firing at black mine workers.

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From left, Pussy Riot's Maria Alekhina, Yekaterina Samutsevich and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova.

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# Judgment day for Russia's Pussy Riot

One of the key ideas behind the Russian punk provocateur band Pussy Riot was the supremacy of an idea over personality — thus the balaclavas that made the members both unrecognizable and fearsome.

But the three members who were jailed in March following a guerrilla performance denouncing President Vladimir Putin in Moscow's main cathedral have unwillingly emerged as vivid — and very different — characters. They await a verdict Friday on charges of hooliganism motivated by religious hatred.

One is a daring performance artist with a notorious part in a filmed orgy just days before she gave birth. Another is a poet and environmentalist with pre-Raphaelite looks. Rounding out the trio is a quietly cerebral computer expert, who has ap-

plied her skills both to nuclear submarines and experimental art.

If convicted they could be sentenced to up to seven years in prison. The trial has attracted worldwide attention as an emblem of Russia's intolerance of dissent.

Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, Maria Alekhina and Yekaterina Samutsevich came together several years ago in a confrontational art group called Voina (War), which attracted notice with risqué stunts. The group painted a 65-metre penis on a St. Petersburg drawbridge — visible in much of the city when the bridge rose — and in 2008 staged an orgy in a Moscow museum as a mocking commentary on Dmitry Medvedev's imminent election as Russian president.

The three also took part in a less-publicized punk performance in 2009 at the trial against a prominent art curator in a Moscow court, singing "All cops are scum."

Voina's chief ideologist Alexei Plutser-Sarno said the three "performed courageously" with the art group.

Tolokonnikova, 23, who was heavily pregnant when she appeared in the museum orgy, is the main face of Pussy Riot.

"We were looking for genuine sincerity and beauty and found it in our punk performances," said Tolokonnikova in her final statement at the trial last week.

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## Worldwide protests

On Friday, activists in more than a dozen cities, from Moscow to Toronto, are expected to take to the streets at 2 p.m. Moscow time, an hour before the judge is to issue the verdict. The protests are being co-ordinated by defence lawyers.

- The women were little known before their brief impromptu performance in February. Dancing and high-kicking, they shouted the words of a "punk prayer" asking the Virgin Mary to deliver Russia from Putin, who was set to win a third term in March.

## Supporter. 'Stay strong' McCartney tells Pussy Riot on eve of sentencing

Paul McCartney has sent support to Pussy Riot's members in Russia.

In a letter released Thursday, the former Beatle urged three members of all-female band Pussy Riot to "stay strong" and called on authorities to allow them freedom of speech.

McCartney said that "I and many others like me who believe in free speech will do everything in our power to support you and the idea of artistic freedom."

Other celebrities have also spoken out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Paul McCartney during the opening of the Olympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Japan mulls deporting activists

**14 Chinese activists.** Dozens rally outside Japanese embassy in Beijing for protesters' release

Japan is considering deporting 14 Chinese activists arrested for landing without authorization on disputed islands in the East China Sea, as harsh criticisms and repeated demands for their release erupted Thursday in China.

The protesters had travelled by boat from Hong Kong to the uninhabited islands controlled by Japan but also claimed by China and Taiwan. They were arrested Wednesday after five

## Voicing opinion

"China should insist that any so-called lawful trial by Japan is unacceptable and that no concession shall be made."

China's state-run Global Times

of them landed on one of the island groups, known as Senkaku in Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese. Japanese police and coast guard officials were questioning the protesters in Okinawa, a nearby island state. Coast guard officials said Japan has to decide whether to pursue a criminal investigation or repatriate them by Friday night.

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A Chinese protester tries to throw a traffic cone towards the Japanese Embassy during a protest against the arrests of 14 activists in Beijing Thursday. ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# GOING A LONG WAY TO GIVE BACK

As a group of trekkers faced an arduous route through the Andes to Machu Picchu, they at least knew the first part of their challenge was already behind them: To come on the trip, they had to raise thousands of dollars for charity. Metro's Matt Kieltkyka went along to discover why these travellers were so determined to change the world while they were seeing it.



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One foot in front of the other. One step at a time.

It's a rule to live by for adventurers trekking through the Peruvian Andes.

When you're short of breath from the incredible altitudes and fatigued from hours of walking through intimidating mountainous terrain, sometimes the trick is to just keep going. Take enough small steps and you'll eventually reach your goal.

Nottingham, England, resident Oliver Lewis, 28, experienced that on a recent trek through the remote Lares Valley and on the classic Inca trail to Machu Picchu.

Even when a very real fear of heights threatened to stop him in his tracks — no thanks to a cow inexplicably and stubbornly resting on a narrow ledge high above the rainforest — Lewis was able to shimmy around the beast and over the vertigo-

inducing trail, albeit while clinging onto his guide's walking poles for dear life.

One step at a time. It's a mantra his entire family is now intimately familiar with. Lewis's five-year-old nephew, Thomas, is on a much different kind of journey, having been being diagnosed with leukemia in December.

Together, the family has been taking it one step at a time as Thomas endures chemotherapy to treat the disease. Those difficult steps are what brought Lewis to Peru and what forced him to face his fears head-on.

"I've been trying to get my head around what I can do to give something back. Not just to my nephew, but other people who are affected by that same disease," Lewis says.

The desire to do something positive in the face of his family's adversity led Lewis to Charity Challenge, a U.K.-based adventure tour company that requires clients to raise money for charity before taking off.

He instantly gravitated to their trip to Machu Picchu — the forgotten Incan city and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

"If a five-year-old can go through chemotherapy and all the nastiness that goes with it, then I can do my best to raise money for charity and conquer my fear of heights," he says.

"I can't imagine what my sister is going through, so for me this is a way of saying, 'I admire what you're doing and I want to do something to

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Having conquered his fear of heights and raised thousands of dollars for Children with Cancer UK, Oliver Lewis is finally able to enjoy sunrise in the lost Incan city of Machu Picchu, Peru, on Aug. 3. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

"If a five-year-old can go through chemotherapy and all the nastiness that goes with it, then I can do my best to raise money for charity and conquer my fear of heights." Charity Challenge participant Oliver Lewis

give back and show I can do more."

With the help of his family, Lewis — who lost his father to cancer — had raised more than \$8,500 for Children with Cancer UK by the time he embarked on his trip to Peru in late July.

Once there, he met a group of strangers all equally committed to and personally affected by a cause — whether that was overcoming cancer, arthritis, poverty or heart disease, or providing care for terminally ill patients.

Along the way, they pushed each other to complete sometimes-gruelling days through the vast Lares Valley and climb thousands of stairs up to Machu Picchu. They consoled each other when sickness or injury cut a

hiker's day short.

The group donated school supplies to beaming children in remote villages and was greeted by descendants of the Incans, with their stunningly bright and colourful hand-woven alpaca clothing.

His trek may be over, but Lewis is eager to retrace his steps, this time at Thomas's side.

Armed with new, awe-inspiring tales of Andean children, towering heights, ancient cities and adventure, Lewis is helping Thomas on his journey.

"That's the icing on the cake," Lewis says, smiling. "I can go home, show him pictures and give him funny, strange little Peruvian presents that he probably hasn't even imagined existed."

## Witnessing disparity along the Inca trail

The South American country of Peru is a rapidly developing nation and a hotbed for tourism because of its coastal charm, lost Incan treasures, Amazonian allure and Andean peaks. But behind the big cities and strong agricultural traditions, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) says chronic malnutrition still exists to an alarming degree.

"Peru is an interesting place because it's technically a middle-income country with dropping levels of poverty," explains Meg French, UNICEF Canada's director of international programs. "Things look like they are improving, but the national figures are a little bit misleading."

Conditions for children in urban populations have been rapidly improving — with malnutrition rates below 10 per cent — but indigenous, rural populations still have chronic malnutrition rates of about 30 per cent.

For an outsider it's a difficult concept to grasp, given how many families make a living off Peru's fertile farmlands. The problem, says UNICEF co-ordinator Deisy Moscoso, is that those families often sell their crops for profit and restrict their own children's diets to soups.

Moscoso is based in Cusco, a sprawling Andean city renowned as the capital of the Incan empire, where more than a million tourists pass through annually on their way to Machu Picchu. But beyond the city boundaries, many of the indigenous Quechuas still lack the knowledge to properly feed children under the age of three, stunting their development.

"It's tricky because you don't see full-out malnutrition," says French. "Some of the children can look very healthy at first glance, but that doesn't mean they're getting the right nutrients and vitamins. On the inside, their brains may not be developing the same, and it affects everything from health to intellectual development." MATT KIELTYKA/METRO



Oliver Lewis is pictured with his five-year-old nephew, Thomas. Lewis recently completed a nine-day Charity Challenge trek through Peru to raise money for Children with Cancer UK. CONTRIBUTED







Towering mountains and thin air made for a difficult journey through the Peruvian Andes, but also offered unforgettable sights. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO



A young Quechuan girl holds an apple given to her by one of the hikers. Children dressed in traditional clothing often ran out of their homes to greet the group as it passed remote Andean villages. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

# Meet the Machu Picchu trekkers



MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

## 1 Lianne Azzopardi. Charity: Cancer Research UK

"All my friends go on party holidays and I really didn't want to do that. I wanted to do something that made more of a difference. I had already signed up to do a community action project, which is how I found out about Charity Challenge and why I ended up on this trek. Like many people here, I did it for cancer research because cancer seems to affect everyone. My grandfather died of cancer, my grandmother survived it and my friend's mom just got the all-clear of cancer, as well."

## 2 Rosalind Havemann. Charity: Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research

"I'm doing this trek in memory of my dad, who died of lymphoma seven years ago. I've raised (about \$4,600) for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research. It's also been a personal journey for me ... a bit of a midlife crisis. I've really loved doing the trekking and meeting everyone. Probably the best bit has been the really remote areas and meeting the local people. Peru has been a very special place in more than one way."

## 3 Steve Jackson. Charity: Cancer Research UK

"I originally set out doing the trek for Cancer Research UK because my close friend's mother was taken by cancer ... and then one of the girls I worked with quite closely since I decided to do it was diagnosed with cancer. Six months after I decided to do the trek, my grandfather hadn't been well, and we couldn't quite figure out what was wrong with him. He was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer and died very quickly after being diagnosed. I wanted to do it for him as well, in memory of him."

### Ready for a Challenge?

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And if you're one of the next 10 people to sign up for the trek to Machu Picchu on May 3, 2013, in aid of UNICEF, or on May 10, 2013, in aid of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, you can get \$150 off the cost of the challenge by entering the special promotional code METROUNICEF05032013 for UNICEF, and METROCB-CF05102013 for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.



For music, more pictures and a diary of Matt's trip to Machu Picchu, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).



## Ikea. Furniture giant to launch budget-hotel chain

Best known for its budget flat-pack furniture, Scandinavian retailer Ikea is planning to launch a chain of budget hotels in Europe.

The property division of Inter Ikea — the company that owns the Ikea intellectual-property rights — is planning hotels in 100 locations across Europe.

The first two hotels are expected to open in Germany in 2014. Other locations earmarked for hotels include Belgium, the Netherlands, the Nordic countries, Britain and Poland.

Inter Ikea, which already owns a handful of hotels in Europe since the start of the property division in the 1990s, will work with another company to operate the chain.

Ikea, the world's largest

### Maintaining philosophy

Although the hotel chain won't use Ikea's name or furniture, it will ingrain the Ikea philosophy of "good quality at a reasonable price," says Harald Muller, a Brussels-based business-development manager of Inter Ikea's property division.

- The hotels will have a Scandinavian "feel" because the interior will be made by Nordic designers, but aside from that, "guests won't really recognize Ikea in it," Muller says.

furniture retailer, employs 131,000 people in 41 countries.

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### Market Minute

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**GOLD**  
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# Facebook shares hit new low as lockup period ends



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is ineligible to sell his shares in the company until November. Those eligible to sell stock on Thursday were the investors and directors who had participated in the May IPO, as well as Microsoft Corp., an early Facebook investor. KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

**Declining stock.** Early investors of the social-networking site get the option to sell after ban is lifted

Facebook's stock plunged below \$20 US Thursday after the expiration of a ban that had prevented some early investors and insiders from dumping millions of additional shares they own in the social-networking leader.

Firms ranging from Accel Partners to Goldman Sachs, Zynga CEO Mark Pincus and Facebook board members James Breyer, Peter Thiel and Reid Hoffman were among those free to sell stock they own, after the lifting of a ban known as a lockup period.

### Eligible shares

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Only 271 million shares became eligible for trading Thursday, but by the time all the lockups expire, that amount will rise to 1.91 billion.

It's not yet known whether any of those investors had sold any stock because they have three business days to disclose any sales, said Sam Hamadeh, the CEO of PrivCo, which researches privately held companies. But many of them likely did, he said.

If in fact many of them took advantage, Facebook's stock could decline because the market would be flooded with nearly two-thirds more shares.

Thursday was only the first of several lockup expiration dates for Facebook's stock. The biggest one is coming in the fall.

Facebook's stock traded as low as \$19.69 before bouncing back slightly. The shares closed Thursday at \$19.87, down \$1.33, or more than six per cent. Its initial public-offering price was \$38 back in May.

The previous low during the day was \$19.82 and the previous low for a close was \$20.04, both reached Aug. 2.

Facebook's stock is likely to be volatile until the end of the year, when the majority of the lockups expire. Hamadeh called them a "dark cloud on the horizon." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# U.S. companies paid more to CEOs than federal tax: Study

Twenty-six big U.S. companies paid their CEOs more last year than they paid the federal government in tax, according to a study released Thursday by a liberal-leaning think-tank.

The study, by the Institute for Policy Studies, said the companies, including AT&T, Boeing and Citigroup, paid their CEOs an average of \$20.4 million US

### Quoted

**"Our nation's tax code has become a powerful enabler of bloated CEO pay."**

A quote from a report by The Institute for Policy Studies

last year while paying little or no federal tax on ample profits, according to regulatory filings.

On average, the 26 companies generated net income of more than \$1 billion in the U.S.,

the study said.

The study blasted tax rules allowing unlimited deductions for CEO "performance-based" pay, like many stock options. It said the five biggest performance payers among the 26 companies took \$232 million of these deductions last year.

Among the "kingpins" it criticized was CEO James

McNerney Jr. of Boeing. It said he got \$18.4 million in pay last year while his company received a tax refund of \$605 million. The study also laid into Citigroup for paying CEO Vikram Pandit \$14.9 million while the bank received a net \$144 million in tax benefits.

Eighteen of the 26 companies received cash back or cred-

its to apply against tax in the future, according to the report.

The study, a 45-page attack on the corporate tax code, said deductions and credits are allowing companies to lavish big pay packages on executives so they can cut their tax bills while Washington gets less money in a time of trillion-plus deficits. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## Moody's renews Canada's rating

**Triple-A.** Investors service says economic performance helped Canucks maintain company's top rating

Canada gets to keep its triple-A rating from Moody's Investors Service.

The New York-based agency said Thursday Canada's economic performance and the financial position of its federal government have held up well enough to maintain the company's top rating.

"Although the recession caused a reversal of the improvement in the debt ratios, they did not deteriorate as much as in most other AAA-rated countries, are now on an improving trend, and remain compatible with the country's AAA rating," the Moody's report said. Prior to the recession, Canada's federal government had been running budget surpluses for several years.

That ended after the Harper government spent heavily on infrastructure projects and other initiatives designed to boost the economy following

### Ratings system

Agencies such as Moody's, Standard and Poor's and Toronto-based DBRS assess the financial stability or risk of governments and corporations around the world and assign them ratings that are used by investors.

- The ratings are one of the factors used to determine bond prices and interest rates, as well as whether the bonds are appropriate for conservative funds such as pension plans.
- Canada is one of the few jurisdictions that has an undisputed triple-A rating.

the 2008-09 global credit crisis and recession.

Ottawa remains in the red, though the deficit is shrinking.

Triple-A ratings can also be used as a point of pride by politicians. The U.S. lost its triple-A rating from Standard & Poor's last year, causing a huge political outcry, but Moody's continued to give it top billing.

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## 30 Rock-in the Jaguar XJ AWD

Tracy Morgan and Jane Krakowski, stars of NBC's 30 Rock, pose with the 2013 Jaguar XJ AWD during the launch of Jaguar's Chill NY event, a three-day winter experience featuring indoor ice skating and artificial snow, underneath New York's High Line park on Thursday. Jaguar, now owned by Tata Motors Ltd., is introducing all-wheel-drive versions of its sedans hoping to increase sales in North America.

JASON DECROW/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### German court

## Nestle loses legal battle to copycat coffee capsules

Switzerland's Nestle has lost a bid in neighbouring Germany to ban the sale of generic coffee capsules that can be used in its Nespresso machines.

A Duesseldorf regional court on Thursday rejected Nestle's emergency application to block two other Swiss firms from selling lower-priced capsules labelled "suitable for Nespresso machines" in Germany. The court says Nestle's patent on the machine does not extend to its capsules, and that the consumer is not responsible for any patent infringement by using the non-Nestle capsules. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## A PIXIE CUT, A WICKED ROAD TRIP AND THE DEATH OF AN ICON



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**1** **Hairgate.** Miley Cyrus went all hairy on Twitter, posting a pile of pics of her new, dramatic pixie cut. Her tweets included lines like "Never felt more me in my whole life."

"Someone just told me I'm prettier than Miley Cyrus" and "Feeling so happy in my skin." While her new style got mixed reactions, just watch pixie cuts come back. I'm getting one next week.

**2** **Sexting.** I nearly dropped the F-bomb when I heard only now has the mainstream Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary added "sexting" to its latest edition. I mean, what the heck took so long? And, oh yeah, F-bomb — well, it's been finally added now, too.

**3** **Colour in Ryan Gosling.** Colour Me Good Ryan Gosling, a new colouring-in book of the Hollywood hunk, is out. Touted as "the hottest colouring-in book of all time," it features 15 pages of Gosling in different poses and actions. So while you may not actually ever be able to touch Ryan Gosling in person, at least you can colour him in.

**4** **Sparkle.** Whitney Houston's final role in the remake of the musical Sparkle can be seen starting Friday. The movie, which centres around three singing teenage sisters from Harlem who form a girl group in the late 1950s (Houston plays the mother), is dedicated to her memory. This role should be how she is remembered now, rather than how she died.

**5** **Olympics' closing.** The amazing 2012 London Olympics ended with a psychedelic mashup ceremony including performances by the Who, Annie Lennox and the reunited Spice Girls (who averaged 116,000 tweets per minute during their performance, according to Twitter) ... and Kate and her brother-in-law Harry in the stands rocking out. Pure Gold.

**6** **Lakers are back.** The Miami Heat's chances of repeating as NBA champions took a serious block with word the L.A. Lakers had acquired star centre Dwight Howard from Orlando. So let's see, the Lakers now have Kobe Bryant, Steve Nash, Howard and Pau Gasol. As Kobe said, this team is "locked and loaded to bring back the title." Better happen with this dream team assembled.

**7** **Ebook sensation.** By taking the gamble to publish Finding Karla, on serial killer Karla Homolka, as an ebook rather than a hardcover book or long magazine piece, writer Paula Todd has changed the game of non-fiction publishing. Her "breaking news" ebook is a hit, holding down the top position on Amazon Kindle's non-fiction-singles bestseller list.

**8** **Aniston, take two.** The woman whose heart was broken by Brad Pitt in 2005 will be walking down the aisle again, this time with Justin Theroux (her co-star in Wanderlust). They announced their engagement on the weekend after dating for over a year. Heck, they've already morphed into a clone couple, dressing alike. Ugh, just like Jen and Brad used to.

**9** **Cross-Canada Facebook.** Trent University grad Greg Mountenay had the ultimate Canadian road trip this summer, visiting 300 of his Facebook friends across the country in a promotion sponsored by Canadian Tire while blogging about his adventures. I'm one airline/five-star-hotel sponsor away from going to visit some of my 600 Twitter followers.

**10** **K'naan.** The Toronto rapper/poet/songwriter has announced plans to publish a children's picture book based on his life. When I Get Older: The Story Behind Wavin' Flag will be released in September and focus on how his family escaped their native Somalia during the 1991 civil war. This will be sure to inspire a whole generation of kids.

**11** **Helen Gurley Brown.** The author of the iconic Sex and the Single Girl (1962) — sex and the city long before Sex and the City — died Monday at the age of 90. As editor of Cosmopolitan from 1965 to 1997, she was all about empowering modern women to enjoy sex and she changed the way other media focused on women and sexuality. Men thank you, too, Helen.

**12** **The mo is hot!** A new book coming out from Toronto-based author Allan Peterkin, One Thousand Mustaches: A Cultural History of the Mo, looks at how the 'stache has undergone a cultural renaissance, mainly due to the international success of Movember. It's both a "lighthearted cultural history and an earnest style manual." Get it before you grow one.

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### Smooching

### Plaque marks Obamas' first kiss

U.S. President Barack Obama kisses his wife Michelle Obama on stage at a campaign event at the Alliant Energy Amphitheater Wednesday in Dubuque, Iowa, during a campaign bus tour through the state.

The president first kissed his wife outside a Chicago ice-cream shop — and there's a plaque to prove it.

The owners of a Hyde Park shopping centre in-

stalled the 1,360-kilogram granite marker this week with a plaque reading: "On this site, President Barack Obama first kissed Michelle Obama."

There's a picture of the first couple and a quote from the president describing their first date.

The sweet smooch happened in 1989, when the future president treated the first-lady-to-be to ice cream at a Baskin-Robbins, which is now a Subway restaurant.

The Obamas will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this October.

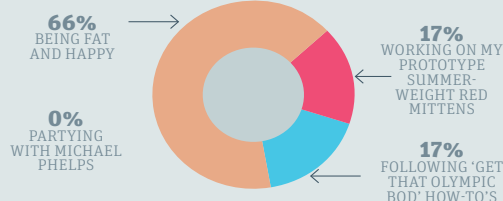


A 1,360-kilogram granite marker sits at the corner of Dorchester and 53rd streets in Chicago. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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### How are you planning to spend the four years until the next Summer Olympics?



### Twitter

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Overheard in Halifax: "What's to-day, Thursday? Wanna go to The Oasis tonight?" Nice to see some things never change.

@mike902:

Life vacation is over, back to Halifax. see you in 25 hours.

@jsciss:

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@beerwithmeTO:

My first tv in back of seat experience ever on a flight! @westjet to #Halifax #YHZ - more excited than I should be! Watching iron chef!

@TheRealRyanOrr:

@KeithUrban who's opening for you in Halifax Sunday? #excited

@KandaceBM:

Wearing my Mooseheads hat in Moncton #whoops #gomoosego





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# A spooky spectacle

**ParaNorman.** Kid's movie is decidedly dark, but doesn't have much to offer the really young or older crowds

**Richard:** Mark, it's been a long time since a kid's movie this dark has been unleashed on our unsuspecting youth. ParaNorman harkens back to a time when Disney used to make creepy cartoons like The Legend of Sleepy Hollow; before it was decided that kids shouldn't be exposed to anything except talking animals and stories about ecology. I loved it. It's strange and weird, and parents should understand it could induce nightmares in the really young, but it's good.

**Mark:** I can understand why you liked it, and it does seem

like a throwback to a time before merchandised characters, but to me it felt like Tim Burton Lite. The test of an animated feature is whether a parent can enjoy it while their kids are watching it, and the answer is yes — but barely. It's surely no Shrek or Toy Story. It seems to skew pretty young, and I was restless throughout. But that may be about the kind of animation that was used — a digital, 3D, version of stop-motion cartoons. The look just didn't appeal to me, although it did contribute to the eeriness.

**RC:** I hear that, but I thought the 3D and scene composition gave it the look of beautiful, old View-Master slides. The stop motion work is lovingly handmade looking, giving the whole thing an organic coating that slicker, computer generated movies simply don't have. As for who this movie is for... well, I'm not

Synopsis

Norman (voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee) is a 12-year-old who can see dead people. And talk to them, too. His unique gift, however, is unappreciated by his family, the townsfolk of Blithe Hollow and schoolmates, who call him AbNorman. He's an outsider, with only one friend, Neil (Tucker Albrizzi). When an old tale about a witch who cursed the town's forefathers to die a gruesome death and later rise from their graves comes true, Norman is the only person who can save the town.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

getting mildly creeped-out, would find lots to like here.

**MB:** Matter of taste, I suppose. On another note, although you can't really talk about the acting in an animated film, you can talk about the voices. And there were two voices that need to be singled out for praise. The first is Jeff Garlin, from Curb Your Enthusiasm, whose aggrieved rasp was perfect for the father, and Casey Affleck, whose trippy drawl gave his jock bodybuilder a very original sound.

**RC:** I liked the voice work as well. I also enjoyed the writing. Lines like "Not believing in the afterlife is like not believing in astrology," are more sophisticated than the writing in your average kid's flick.

**MB:** I only wish there more of those lines!

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On the web



Universal still pursuing Snow White sequel, but Kristen Stewart's role unlikely

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# Despite best efforts, Kristen Bell fails to app-ease the Grindr folks

**Hit & Run.** Star of car-chase comedy tried to get the company behind a hookup app on board to use their name in the film — they didn't believe it was her calling

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In the plot of *Hit & Run*, Dax Shepard's self-produced car chase comedy, there's an iPhone app that keeps popping up that bears a striking resemblance to the popular gay hook-up app Grindr. Only in the film the app — which uses geolocation technology to help users find similarly minded folks in their vicinity — goes by the name Pouncer. "They did not let us use their name. We did start with trying to have



Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell star in *Hit & Run*, which opens next Friday. HANDOUT

Grindr in the movie," Shepard explains. "It was a blessing that they said no because Pouncer is a lot funnier name than Grindr, so we were happy that it didn't

work."

Shepard's co-star and fiancée, Kristen Bell, spearheaded the effort to get the folks behind the iPhone app on board,

but that campaign was short-lived, as she explains. "They were initially flattered, and they read the script. But then I think that through talking to

## Quoted

**"I just heard through the grapevine ... that they never really, truly believed it was [Bell]."**

Dax Shepard on Grindr not answering Kristen Bell's request to use their name in the movie.

people in their office, somehow there was an insecurity that manifested of were we making fun of them? Which we weren't," she says. "We actually have friends that use Grindr, and it's hilarious that you can hook up with someone two feet away from you — whether it's gay or straight, it doesn't really matter. I think that they just felt like it was exploiting or making fun of them, and in the end they did not return our phone calls."

Shepard and Bell hardly need to prove their gay-friendly bona fides, though. The long-engaged couple has stated numerous times that they won't be

tying the knot themselves until gay marriage is re-legalized in California. And in the script for *Hit & Run*, Bell's character takes Shepard's character to task for using needlessly homophobic language. So maybe it's really Grindr's loss.

"I think they're not happy now that they said no," Shepard offers.

As the couple learned recently, though, the Grindr folks might have stopped returning their calls for a very different reason. "I just heard through the grapevine — through a friend of mine who's sleeping with one of the Grindr owners — that they never really, truly believed it was [Bell]," Shepard says.

"I did all the product placement because we selfishly thought, well maybe if I make the call maybe there's a chance that it might get a little further," Bell explains. "So I prayed and hoped that someone recognized the name, but in this case apparently they thought it was a joke."

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Sparkle

Director. Salim Akil

Stars. Jordin Sparks,  
Whitney Houston

Sparkle is a clichéd remake of a musical about an aspiring talent (Jordin Sparks), her conservative mother (the late Whitney Houston) and her singing siblings as they become a rising force in the 1960s. A familiar showbiz tale of betrayal and redemption, there's little originality in this faux biography except maybe its awareness about what it really is: a posthumous swan song for the driving force behind it getting made in the first place — Whitney Houston.

STEVE GOW

Action



The Expendables 2

Director. Simon West

Stars. Sylvester Stallone,  
Jason Statham, Chuck Norris

You can't take a film like The Expendables 2 seriously. After all, any movie that begins with the most gratuitous body count sequence since Team America isn't taking itself seriously either. Although a plot is negligible, it's certainly beside the point. Instead, Sly Stallone and Company continue their winking homage to '80s action by amping up the destruction and slipping in cheesy one-liners. It's not going to win any awards but it is stupid fun for a Friday night.

STEVE GOW

# Director weaves a tale of man-made ghosts

**Apparition.** Film inspired by real-life neuropsychology experiment

A lifelong fan of the horror genre, first-time writer-director Todd Lincoln set out to make "a new horror film for a new decade" with Apparition, starring Ashley Greene and Sebastian Stan as a young married couple facing off against a man-made ghost.

**So where did this story come from?**

I was doing my own digging on the weekend on different sites that I go to for fun — these sort of conspiracy or supernatural or paranormal type websites and I came across these different stories about experiments that people are doing to try to create a ghost or create an apparition. And this was dating back to the earlier mid-70s with an experiment called the Philip Experiment, where some

neuropsychology students and teachers set out to test this idea that paranormal things only existed or happened because you believed that they would. Since then, in the following decades other people have carried on their versions of the experiment with new theories and new technology and gear. So I thought this was such a cool way into a horror film or a ghost story, the idea of people creating a ghost or an apparition. I pitched this little seed of an idea to Joel Silver and his guys there, and they loved it, really responded to it. This actually got green-lit off the second draft of the script, and it moved very quickly.

**Do you spend all your weekends on those kinds of websites?**

Not just the weekends, more like all the time (laughs). Look, I mean as a person, as a filmmaker I'm always searching for the truth — the truth in cinema, the truth in life, the truth in all these sort of unknown, unknowable, unexplained



Apparition opens next Friday. HANDOUT

things. I'm just like a digger and a truth-seeker (laughs) and trying to shine a light on certain things. And back in Tulsa, Okla., I grew up in this haunted historic home and experienced strange things there. It was a supposedly haunted home where somebody had committed suicide in the room next to my room. So yeah, I sort of come by it honestly. And my mom worked on these direct-to-video

horror movies in the 80s, so I'd be on set watching teenagers being killed. She would have to go to these butchers on these low-budget deals and ask for all their leftover, discarded animal parts and guts and blood, and then she'd put them in some kind of bag and set them on my lap in the passenger seat. I'd be holding this stuff and holding my nose as we drove to set.

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## Celebration for education

The star-studded musical special Teachers Rock pays tribute to teachers and education with performances by Carrie Underwood, Dierks Bentley, Fun, Josh Groban and Garth Brooks on Friday. Meanwhile, music stars Dave Grohl, Usher, Adam Levine and actors Meryl Streep, Viola Davis, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Jennifer Garner and Morgan Freeman are among the celebs who share their personal stories. (CBS).

## Strike Back is back again

Season 2 of the globe-trotting series Strike Back debuts Friday with two back-to-back episodes. Sullivan Stapleton and Philip Winchester play two members of a top-secret counter-terrorism agency called Section 20 — Stapleton's Damien Scott is a disgraced Delta Forces operative while Winchester's Michael Stonebridge is an elite British sergeant. (HBO Canada).

## Arrested Development marathon

Jason Bateman's tweets from the set of Arrested Development are only stoking the fervour of rabid fans clamouring for the long-awaited Season 4. Until it arrives, bide your time with a marathon of Bluth family antics including misguided magic tricks, frozen bananas, boyfights



Sigourney Weaver. HANDOUT

and inappropriate shoulder massages on Saturday. (Bite TV).

## Finale for Political Animals

After watching Sigourney Weaver take charge as a no-nonsense U.S. secretary of state on Political Animals, who wouldn't want to see the towering tour-de-force take office? The entire season has traced Elaine Barrish's gradual march towards another possible run at the Oval Office and those efforts apparently come to a head with Sunday's finale episode, titled Resignation Day. (Bravo).

## More problems for the boss on Breaking Bad

It seems that being the boss has its drawbacks over on Breaking Bad, especially if your business is less than legitimate. So far it's been one headache after another for Walt, Jesse and Mike as they try to get back into the meth game and Sunday the worries over the future of their business continue. Meanwhile, occupational hazards weigh heavily on Jesse. (AMC)

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# 'It's not good versus evil — It's evil versus evil'

## 'Touchy-feely' entertainment. IFC's Bullet in the Face makes good on its violent title

Alan Spencer, creator of the 1980s ABC police spoof Sledge Hammer!, has a new series with a title that's a dead giveaway: Bullet in the Face isn't playing by quaint 20th-century network standards.

Making a quick bow on IFC, with its six episodes split between Thursday and Friday (10 p.m. ET), Bullet in the Face mixes darkly madcap humour, a silly but sadistic antihero and lots of violence in a stew that even Spencer is hard-pressed to define.

"Maybe the world of graphic novels might be the only influence I could cite," he said. Then again, he muses, he was interested in exploring the idea of a Euro-style thriller. And he sees a touch of The Prisoner in the fact it's a short-run series.

"I almost wrote it stream-of-consciousness ... with a degree of self-indulgence. I was amusing myself," said Spencer, who otherwise has been keeping busy as a script doctor.

The series stars Max Williams as Gunter Vogler, a sociopathic gun-for-hire who, in line with the title, is shot in the face as the story opens. Police arrange a transplant — why not? — to give Vogler the



Eric Roberts is crime lord Mr. Racken in IFC's new action comedy Bullet in the Face. HANDOUT

visage of a detective that he killed, then force him to work against the city's mobsters.

Eddie Izzard and Eric Roberts play the bad guys and Kate Kelton is the gutsy moll who's leading several lives, all of them dangerous.

From its frenzied start, Bullet in the Face gets — impressively — even more frenzied, with Williams, Izzard and Roberts unafraid to chow down on the surreal tale that Spencer has given them.

IFC is putting the series in the company of other "touchy-feely" entertainment, Spencer joked, with Fight Club and From Dusk Till Dawn nestled close by on the channel's schedule.

While Sledge Hammer! laboured under broadcast restrictions, Bullet in the Face has been given free rein on contemporary cable, he said.

Is Spencer uneasy about glorifying violence by dress-

### Quote

"I don't want them to be bored. That's my main agenda ... for me it's criminal to bore someone."

Alan Spencer, series creator, referring to Bullet in the Face's audience

ing it in satiric trappings and making it cool?

"No, because I've put it in a heightened fantasy world. It's not good versus evil — It's evil versus evil, and you have to decide who to latch on to," Spencer replied.

The series also is a reflection of "what other entertainment looks like. ... with criminals being romanticized as our heroes," he said. That idea of immoral characters providing an audience catharsis is

fascinating to Spencer, and it enticed him to make a villain his series lead.

"That's what I wanted to explore. People see Diehard and are rooting for Alan Rickman," not the putative hero portrayed by Bruce Willis, he said.

Sledge Hammer! verged on that approach, with a lead character (played by David Rasche) who adored his .44 Magnum above all. But the comedy's 14 million viewers, although impressive in these days of niche programming and splintered ratings, earned it a pink slip after two seasons.

Whether Bullet in the Face has a future or not, Spencer said he's content that he didn't hold anything back for the possibility of another season.

"That's how I approach everything: I go for broke every time," he said.

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# Now sober, singer Daniel Powter getting over bad days

**New album.** B.C. troubadour trying to put things in a more positive frame, leave the past in the past and Turn on the Lights

He had a bad day. Many of them, actually.

But British-Columbia-bred troubadour Daniel Powter, whose 2006 Grammy-nominated hit single Bad Day became a global hard-knocks anthem, has turned his life around and is singing a more positive tune with the newly released album Turn on the Lights.

The pop-rock singer-songwriter says the title of the sunny new disc reflects a brightness that's permeated his life since he kicked a drug and alcohol addiction, went through a divorce, got engaged to his former personal trainer, and had a second child.

Now two years sober, he says he feels like a different person than he was when Bad Day was the Billboard Top Hot 100 song of 2006, as well as the theme song for a Coca-Cola ad and American Idol's fifth season.

"A lot of people will say that they got sober for other people, but I got sober for myself," a chiseled and tanned Powter, who counts surfing

#### Quote

**"I wanted to really change my life, I had to learn how to have a more positive way of dealing with resentment and anger and things like that."**

B.C.-bred troubadour Daniel Powter



Daniel Powter has turned his pain into a new record. GETTY IMAGES

and yoga among his hobbies, said in an interview.

"I was so sick of myself, the redundancy of my life, and my patterns were so predictable. If I put a graph of my behaviour I could see: Things are tough, resentment, resentment, OK, I'm getting angry, I'm angry, I'm angry — use. You could just see it all the time, and when ... I wanted to really change my life, I had to learn how to have a more positive way of

dealing with resentment and anger and things like that. And once I learned how to do that, then everything started turning around for me."

Powter admitted he was "in a really dark place" before he got sober.

"I was on the fast track to kind of going down the wrong road and just ending up dead, which I would have, eventually, if I'd continued the way I was."

A lot of the anger that

was fuelling his addiction stemmed from trauma in his childhood in Vernon, B.C., but he's since learned how to deal with it, he said.

He's also had to learn how to write songs "from a different place," which wasn't easy.

"I always wrote from a lot of pain. Even the Bad Day record, it was easy for me to galvanize a lot of energy when you have a lot of pain in your life."

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# Let's talk about sex, baby

**The birds and the bees.** Jane Fonda pens books explaining sex to teens but botched talk with own kids

After releasing a book last year that explored sexuality at an older age, Jane Fonda says she's just about finished penning new material geared toward young people who are curious about sex.

The 74-year-old bombshell, activist, feminist and workout-tape guru says she's nearly wrapped a book aimed at middle-school-aged kids and another for teens in high school.

Fonda runs two Georgia-based non-profits dealing with adolescent sexuality and reproductive health, and says she's surprised by the attitudes about sex she's encountered.

"I've spent a lot of time with kids and with parents and it's just stunning how little they know and how nervous parents are about talking," Fonda told *The Canadian Press* in a telephone interview, noting that

how and when the books are released will be up to her publisher.

"There's a lot of books about plumbing and how everything works, but ... I talk about sexuality in the context of identity. That it isn't just about intercourse, that to be human is to be sexual. There's nothing dirty or weird about it, and it's important to understand it very deeply." And yet, she admits she missed her opportunity to talk to her own kids about sex.

"I did very badly as a parent," Fonda said. "I was not good. I think I was a few years too late. But I didn't know enough at the time — that it's not about waiting and then having the quote-unquote big talk. You have to start young, when they're young, and in an age-appropriate way to begin to talk about things sexual so it's no big deal.

"And you create an environment where your children feel comfortable coming to you with questions. If they feel that you're nervous, which you tend to be if you wait to have the big talk, they won't come to you.

"Be what's called an askable

parent," she added.

Fonda speaks so frankly and with such apparent ease about a topic typically taboo in celebrity interviews, it's easy to see why she took so strongly to her forthright character in the new film, *And If We All Lived Together*, originally released in France with the title, *Et si on vivait tous ensemble?*

The two-time Academy

Award winner portrays the candid, compassionate Jeanne, one of a close-knit cluster of retired Parisians struggling with how to spend their final years.

Jeanne is secretly coping with a fatal diagnosis while tending to her Alzheimer's-afflicted husband (Pierre Richard). Soon, the pair and three long-time pals dealing with serious issues of their own de-

cide to move in together in a stately French estate to fortify their support network. The role in the subtitled film represents Fonda's first French-speaking performance since she graced the screen in Jean-Luc Godard and Jean-Pierre Gorin's political drama *Tout va bien* in 1972.

Fonda, whose first husband was French filmmaker Roger Vadim, speaks the language

fluently but still worked with a dialogue coach to get her lines just right.

Asked why she accepted the part, Fonda says the film represented a linguistic challenge she cherished.

"I have a bucket list, OK, and one of the things on the bucket list was to do at least one more French film before I die," Fonda said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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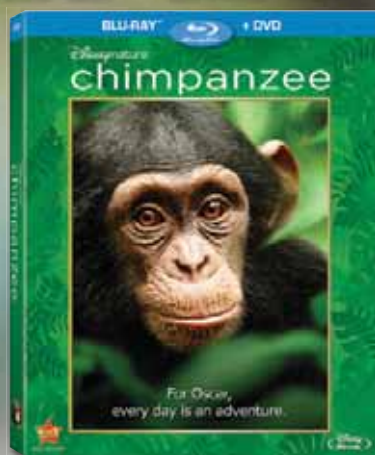
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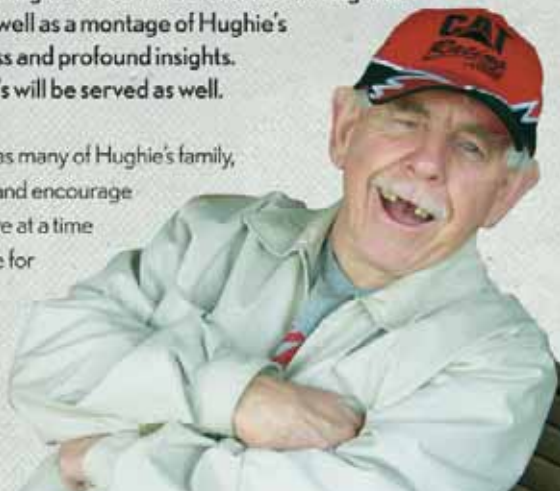
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## Humphries' lawyers get crafty

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Kris Humphries is engineering a you-hurt-my-feelings lawsuit against former wife Kim Kardashian, and in the process has to serve her current boyfriend, Kanye West, a subpoena.

So how do you corner a guy with an entourage on the payroll? In a stroke of enviable genius, Humphries' lawyer sent the papers over in a Nordstrom box.

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Humphries' lawyer engineered a sneak attack by trying to serve a subpoena on West by putting it in the Nordstrom box and sending it to Kardashian's house.

Kim's lawyer, Laura Wasser, told the judge in the divorce case about the ploy during a hearing that is still going on.

Kim has already racked up \$250,000 in attorney's fees, yet it's unclear exactly what Humphries wants out of this.

Wasser said she's heard the reports that Humphries and his lawyers want to put reality TV on trial, and there seems to be evidence to back that up.

Wasser noted that Humphries has served Kris Jenner with a subpoena and NBC Universal and Bunim/Murray, which produces the Kardashian reality shows.



Tom Cruise. PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Katie wants Tom to stay in daughter's life

Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise are set to reunite for the first time since Holmes filed for divorce when their daughter, Suri, starts school in New York City after Labor Day, according to Radar Online.

"Tom and Katie have been speaking on the telephone regarding Suri, and Katie has been very supportive of Tom wanting to be there when Suri goes to her new school for the first time," a source says.

"It's a big moment in Suri's life and Katie wants Tom to be a part of that. Of course, there will be security concerns and Tom doesn't want to disrupt other parents and students at the school with his presence, which means he could very well slip in and out via a back entrance.

"Katie doesn't want Suri to suffer because of their divorce and both parents are truly putting the needs of their little girl ahead of their own feelings."

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### Unlikely grape marriages



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When winemakers get it on in the winery, it isn't always a monogamous relationship. It's often a twosome, threesome or even moresome.

Before you start with the emails, I'm talking grape combinations here, people.

The blending of grapes to create distinctive wine styles dates back to the origins of winemaking. In fact, most European wines are unions of different varietals.

Europe is so blasé about blending that many countries don't even put the names of the grapes on their labels — preferring to play up the region where a wine comes from.

When newbies like Australia, Chile and California entered the wine scene in the late 1980s, they saw bragging about their fruit combos as a selling point. They, and other New World countries, have been at the forefront of a wave of funky grape marriages.

Down Under's Hardy's 2009 Butcher's Gold 'Chronicle No. 3' Shiraz Sangiovese (\$15 - \$16.99) has a mouthful of a name to go along with its mouthful of flavour.

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This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Tuna livens up grill as summer's end nears

**Grilled Tuna Steaks with Mango Herb Salsa.** With fall about a month away, make the most of outdoor cooking with this exciting and easy dish

Summer makes us long for the grill. But by the end of the season, even our favourite burgers and dogs can feel a little bit tired.

So to keep your grilling interesting, here is a speedy grilled tuna dish that packs tons of big, bold flavours.

For this recipe, it's best to use tuna steaks, which are thick, meaty pieces cut from the fish in the opposite direction than a fillet.

You also could use salmon steaks, which often include

the bone (which helps the flesh hold together on the grill). Swordfish also would work in this recipe.

Keep the prep simple with just a light coating of oil and a bit of salt and pepper. This also allows the flavour of the tuna to shine.

But to ensure you can also taste the fresh flavours of summer, top the tuna with a cross between a fruit salsa and an herby chimichurri.

It goes together in about 2 minutes with the help of a food processor.

1. Heat the grill to high.

2. In a food processor, combine the parsley, oregano, mint, 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, the red wine vinegar, garlic, red pepper flakes, and the lemon zest and juice. Process until well chopped, scrap-

ing down the bowl as needed. Add the mango and pulse once or twice to combine and lightly chop. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside.

3. Rub the tuna steaks on all sides with the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil, then season them with salt and pepper. Grill the steaks for 2 to 3 minutes per side for medium-rare. Serve topped with the salsa.

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### Nutrition information

Here is the nutritional information per serving.

- 420 calories; 170 calories from fat (40 per cent of total calories); 19 g fat (3.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fat); 65 mg cholesterol; 21 g carbohydrate; 41 g protein; 3 g fibre; 200 mg sodium.

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup packed fresh parsley leaves
- 1/4 cup packed fresh oregano leaves
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves
- 3 tbsp olive oil, divided
- 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 2 mangos, peeled, pitted and diced
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Four 6-oz tuna steaks

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### Between dusk and dawn

In the wee morning hours we're more focused on making coffee. Between the Hours Gordon MacDonald's ninth solo show at Argyle Fine Art, is a collection of pieces that capture the hours between dusk and dawn. MacDonald has taken this time to experiment with different surfaces and mediums. This collection features more vibrant colours and features popular spots in Halifax. The exhibit opens Friday and runs until September.

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### Songs, beer and perhaps no cover

A band playing in a bar in downtown Halifax — been there, got the stamp. Sure we are privy to a lot of talented bands 'round these parts and seeing them perform makes for a great night, however, an interesting musical snack is when they divide and conquer. Case in point: Alert the Medic's Troy Arsenault joins the bluey-country stylings of Noah Tye for an evening of smooth music and good people at the Rock-Bottom Brewpub Friday night at 9:30.



### Situation critical —might as well go for a soda

Rocking out since 2007, Weir Rockin' is a non-profit, volunteer-based community group that seems to grow more and more by the summer. This year's show, which takes place Saturday night on Weir Field (2476 Highway 1) in Upper Sackville, includes Platinum Blonde, Prism, and Kim Mitchell! This non-profit organization may have "started off as a long-shot" but now Weir Rockin' is a Sackville Summer staple.

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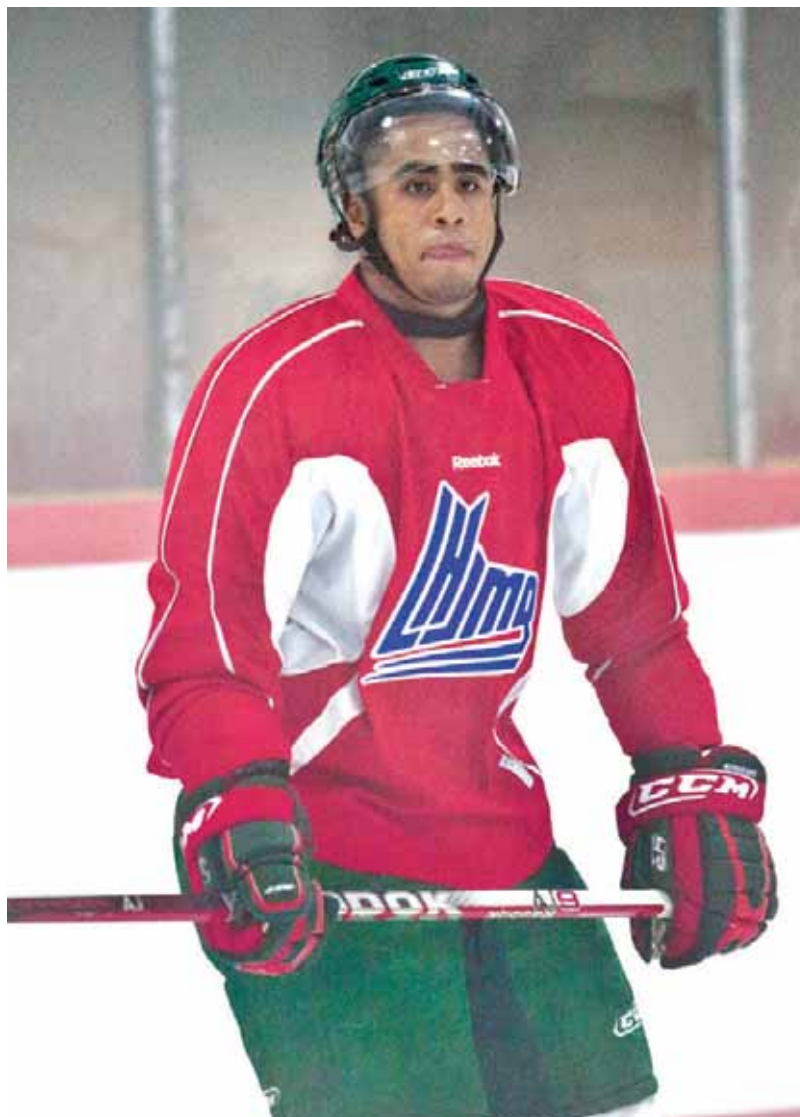
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# Lovell hopes to go the distance at rookie camp



Defenceman Brian Lovell during the opening day of Halifax Mooseheads rookie camp at Cole Harbour Place on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

**QMJHL.** Highly-touted third-round pick back for another crack at Mooseheads roster



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Brian Lovell is hoping to stick around Halifax Mooseheads training camp a lot longer than he did last year.

The 17-year-old defenceman, a third-round draft choice of the Mooseheads in 2011, suffered a concussion on a hit by Nathan MacKinnon on just the second day of camp and it ultimately cost him a chance at making the team.

"It sucked," Lovell said bluntly.

But a bigger, better Lovell has reported to rookie camp at Cole Harbour Place this week.

The Chateaugay, Que., native decided not to stay in his home province and — once his concussion symptoms cleared up — moved to Cornwall, Ont., to play midget AAA at the Ontario Hockey Academy.

After recording just two assists in 25 games for the midget AAA Chateaugay

Patriotes in his draft year, Lovell broke out with eight goals and 21 assists for 29 points in 28 games.

"I'm an offensive defenceman and I got to show it there last year — I have a big body and I had a lot of opportunities to score," Lovell said. "It did me good to play midget AAA. It gave me a confidence boost. I had a really good season and now I'm excited to be back."

Checking in at approximately 170 pounds a year ago, the six-foot-one Lovell has filled out significantly and now weighs more than 200 pounds.

Along with his impressive size, he's one of the best skaters at rookie camp. Mooseheads scouts love his raw talent and say he has tremendous upside if he puts it all together. They've compared him to former Mooseheads defenceman Jimmy Sharrow.

"Last year I was nervous, obviously, and this year I feel much faster, I'm bigger and mentally tougher," Lovell said. "I think I'm a better player overall."

It's believed the Mooseheads thought highly enough of Lovell that they protected him in the expansion draft in June, although the list was never made public.

He's battling with Randy Gazolla and Josh Desmond for the final one or two spots on Halifax's blue-line and said he has to prove his worth.

"I think I have a good chance and there are a few spots open, so I just have to go out there and work hard and see what happens," Lovell said. "It would be an amazing experience and I'd love to be on this team."

## Weekend schedule

- The Mooseheads are having an intra-squad game on Friday starting between 3:30 and 4 p.m.
- They play the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Forum and on Sunday at 7 p.m. in Sydney.

## Mobile sports



The London Olympics' motto to "Inspire a Generation" hasn't taken long to take effect in Canada. The women's under-20 World Cup kicks off this weekend with Canada inspired by and motivated to equal the bronze won by the senior team last week in London.

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## Shewfelt traded to Cape Breton

Former Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Mitchell Shewfelt has landed back in Nova Scotia.

The 18-year-old from Dartmouth was traded on Thursday from the Sherbrooke Phoenix to the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles for a 2013 10th-round draft choice. The Phoenix had plucked Shewfelt from the Mooseheads in the QMJHL expansion draft in June.



Defenceman Mitchell Shewfelt with the Mooseheads last season. METRO FILE

Shewfelt, who becomes one of 11 defencemen vying for a job at Cape Breton's training camp, recorded two goals and five assists in 56 games with Halifax last season.

"He knows the Maritime Division well and is only 18 years old," Screaming Eagles general manager Pierre Roux told the Cape Breton Post. "We'll see for the rest of the camp if he can make the team and be in our group of defencemen."

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# NHL negotiations on ice

## NHL. Uneasiness grows and 2012-13 season in doubt as lockout deadline nears

The first tense moments of the NHL's collective bargaining negotiations have arrived.

With Gary Bettman and Donald Fehr not scheduled to sit across from one another until the middle of next week and the sides unable to even agree on the core issues that need to be addressed, a sense of uneasiness has suddenly enveloped the talks.

After Wednesday's session, in which the NHL dismissed the union's initial proposal, Fehr set off for pre-scheduled player meetings in Chicago. The union boss will also oversee a session with players in Kelowna, B.C., before returning to Toronto and resuming CBA discussions on Aug. 22.

At that point, the league and the NHL Players' Association will have just 24 days left to reach a new agreement and avoid a lockout.

But where do they start?

### Quoted



"We want to fix the systematic issues they have with the way things are run and I think we're being more than fair."

Chris Campoli, defenceman and member of the NHLPA negotiating committee.

There is very little common ground between the proposals each side has put forth and neither seems particularly willing to move off its current position.

"What the issues are and how they get solved and how deep the issues go are something that we're not yet on the same page about," Bettman said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the hockey world remains on hold — and many are starting to brace for the worst. The Detroit Red Wings announced Thursday that they're cancelling their annual September prospects tournament in Traverse City, Mich., due to the "uncertainty" surrounding the CBA.

Eight teams had been scheduled to participate.

"We have determined that it is in everyone's best interest to cancel this year's tournament," Red Wings GM Ken Holland said in a statement.

Sub-committees from the league and union gathered Thursday to discuss non-core economic issues such as travel, ice conditions and training camp.

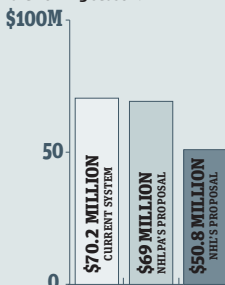
Both sides seemed encouraged about the status of those talks, but as deputy NHL commissioner Bill Daly pointed out: "I don't think that's where this CBA is going to get cut or not."

In simple terms, the owners want to pay players less — much less. Despite the fact the NHL's revenues grew from \$2.2 billion before the 2004-05 lockout to \$3.3 billion last season, a number of teams are still struggling.

The financial success of the wealthiest franchises over the last seven years ended up hurting the poorer ones.

### Salary-cap gap

Here's a look at how the salary cap would be impacted by the current CBA along with proposals from the NHL and NHLPA for the 2012-13 season:



That's because the salary cap was tied to overall hockey-related revenues and rose dramatically from \$39 million in 2005-06 to \$64.3 million last season, bringing the salary floor (the minimum teams must spend) up along with it. If next season was played under the current system, the cap would have been set at \$70.2 million and the floor would have been \$54.2 million.

However, a new deal needs to be put in place before the NHL resumes operations.

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### Far from floored

## \$14.2M

There is a salary-cap floor in the NHL — the minimum a team can spend on players. The current floor is \$54.2 million. The NHLPA proposes a \$53-million dollar floor while the league made a \$38.8-million offer, for a gap of \$14.2 million between the two sides.



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman speaks to journalists after leaving talks in Toronto on Monday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



The Capitals' Alex Ovechkin, centre, and the Senators' Jason Spezza, left, follow NHLPA head Donald Fehr on Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## MLB

## White Sox hit five big flies vs. Blue Jays

Left-hander Francisco Liriano allowed three hits over 6 1/3 innings and the Chicago White Sox hit five home runs Thursday to defeat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-2 at Rogers Centre.

It was the third win in a row for the White Sox after losing the opener of the

four-game series.

Former Blue Jay Alex Rios hit his 19th homer in the eighth inning against left-hander Darren Oliver to give Chicago a four-run lead.

Blue Jays left-hander Aaron Laffey (3-4) allowed three runs on three hits — home runs by Dewayne Wise, Dayan Viciedo and Tyler Flowers — in six innings.

Both Blue Jay runs against Liriano (4-10) came on a two-run homer in the second by Moises Sierra, recently called up from triple-A Las Vegas. Liriano was making his fourth



Blue Jay Moises Sierra hits a two-run homer Thursday in Toronto.

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start for the White Sox since he was obtained in a trade with Minnesota on July 28.

His three previous starts were no decisions.

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Felix Hernandez kisses his right wrist after throwing a perfect game against the Tampa Bay Rays Wednesday in Seattle. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Hernandez a perfect fit in Seattle

**MLB.** Pitcher relishes perfect game, Mariners relish his contributions

"Just keep throwing the way I've been throwing," Hernandez said. "Just do my job. Try and help my team to win. That's what is next."

From the time he made his major-league debut in August 2005 at 19, the question has been "when," not "if" he would ever throw at least a no-hitter.

He nearly did in 2007, taking a no-hitter into the eighth inning and finishing with a one-hit effort against the Red Sox. In 2009 against Texas, Hernandez carried a no-hitter into the eighth before Nelson Cruz hit a home run.

Those near-misses only increased Hernandez's desire to achieve perfection.

Hernandez has stuck around in Seattle through a pair of 101-loss seasons since his debut seven years ago and countless days where Hernandez has been on his game and the Mariners offense failed to give him any support.

"This guy deserved the odds to fall in his favour, for sure," Seattle catcher John Jaso said.

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## Horoscopes

## ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Indulge your desires today — every last one of them. Don't worry about what others might say. Life is too short not to have fun while you can. Friends and family will have fun being close to you too.

## ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

What you want and what you get are likely to be two different things today. There is no point getting uptight about it because life is what it is. Just this once, let the other people have their way.

## ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Some surprising things will happen over the next 24 hours and they will be the kind of things you enjoy. The more you are on the move and meeting people, the more surprises, and the more fun, you will have.

## ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Today's new moon will make it easy for you to talk about business and start deals that could one day make you rich. Remember: What you act on now will bring the rewards that you crave tomorrow.

## ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You have done more than enough for other people. Now it is time to do something for yourself. The new moon in your birth sign will inspire you to try something new, something a little — or even a lot — outrageous!

## ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

What you think and feel today will leave you in no doubt at all what your next move must be, and if you act on what your instincts tell you then success of some kind will not be far behind. Be bold.

## ♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Work with other people to get things done. You may be quite capable of completing a task on your own but you will also be left with the nagging feeling that you could and should have done more.

## ♐ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to decide, once and for all, what your career path is going to be. Deep down you already know what you want to do with your life, so all you really have to do is commit to it, then act.

## ♑ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

A new moon in your fellow Fire sign of Leo means you won't let anyone or anything come between you and your goal. This is no time for questions — just get on and do what has to be done.

## ♒ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

A debt of some kind needs to be paid. Pay it now while you are in a position to do so. It does not have to be a financial debt — most likely you need to repay someone for their emotional support.

## ♓ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

It may look as if other people have the upper hand but do they really have the power to tell you what to do? No, they don't! Stand up for yourself today. Refuse to do anything that goes against your interests.

## ♈ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Do what you have to do to fit in with a loved one's plans, even though there are other things you would rather be working on. If you help them today they will give you a free hand over the weekend.

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## Crossword: Of PMs, Breweries, and Heroes

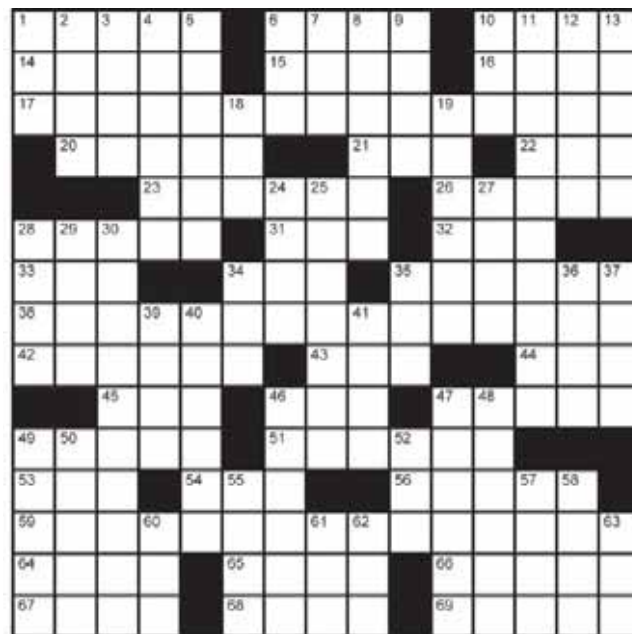
## Across

1. "Parsley, sage, rosemary, and \_\_\_\_"
6. C&W's McEntire
10. Actor Arkin
14. "There's \_\_\_\_ Out Tonight": 1961 Capris hit (2 wds.)
15. Guinness of film
16. Rabbit
17. 13th PM (1957-1963) (2 wds.)
20. Emulates eagles
21. Pod occupant
22. Ltr. holder
23. Arrow poison that's also a muscle relaxant
26. Calm one's fears
28. Territory that doesn't have Territory in its name
31. Angry
32. What a ghost might say
33. Hawaiian tuna
34. Québec turnout
35. Robinson \_\_\_\_
38. Montréal brew (2 wds.)
42. Ye Olde \_\_\_\_, quaint store
43. Possess
44. \_\_\_\_ Lanka: Ceylon today
45. Atlas page
46. Wed. preceder
47. It's east of Newfoundland
49. Not level with
51. Actress Andress
53. "Just \_\_\_\_ naturally"
54. 35mm camera type
56. "Let's Make \_\_\_\_" (2 wds.)
59. 28-Across hero (2 wds.)
64. Bird feeder food

65. Bassoon or clarinet
66. Beetle Bailey's nemesis
67. \_\_\_\_ facto: as an inevitable result
68. Carpet measurement
69. Clandestine meeting

## Down

1. \_\_\_\_ Mahal
2. Certain medical insurance plans
3. National Park just across Alberta-BC border from Banff
4. Monte Carlo locale
5. Evasive tactic (2 wds.)
6. Alberta-born actress \_\_\_\_ Dawn Chong
7. Santa's helper
8. Honked
9. Teenager's skin problem
10. "Eureka!"
11. Banff National Park's best known tourist destination (2 wds.)
12. Basketball game site
13. Bold
18. Lebanon neighbour: abbr.
19. "\_\_\_\_, black sheep..." (2 wds.)
24. Andy's 1950s radio partner
25. Bitter resentment
27. The \_\_\_\_ of the Rings
28. Thanksgiving side dish
29. "Here comes trouble!"
30. TCH distances
34. Kingston-to-Ottawa dir.
35. Headline News channel
36. Tegan and \_\_\_\_



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Calgary-born rockers

37. "What's going \_\_\_\_ there?" (2 wds.)

39. Expectorate

40. Act against

41. Bedazzles

46. Winnipeg's Fred \_\_\_\_: cofounder of 1970s rock band familiarly called BTO

47. First born

48. Julius \_\_\_\_: Shakespeare tragedy

49. Yogurt-based Indian drink often made with mango

50. Become unnavigable, as a sea in winter (2 wds.)

52. Old Egypt-Syr. alliance

55. Tomb Raider Croft

57. "Give it \_\_\_\_!": "Go for it!" (2 wds.)

58. Cabin material

60. Ronnie &amp; the Daytonas sang about this car in the

1960s

61. Golf stand

62. BlackBerry or Palm

Pilot, for short

63. Bring home after expenses

## Yesterday's crossword



## What's online

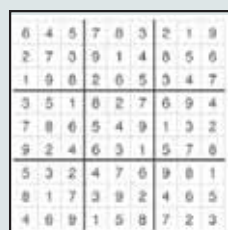
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## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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